

# THE RICHMOND DISPATCH--THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1891.

## VIRGINIA'S STAPLE.

AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF ALL CLASSES OF TOBACCO FOR 1890.

With Comparisons of Former Years—Statistical Tables—A Creditable Showing. A Year Without Disasters or Failures.

The Richmond Tobacco Trade closes for 1890 a fairly prosperous year again, with much to be thankful for. The Trade has been on the safe side and conservative. They have not been taking large risks to do a big volume of business; hence, there have been few losses by failures of others, and it is especially gratifying that there are no failures in the Trade to report at home. Nor has the Trade been visited by floods, as was the case last year and for former years. Warehouses are all safe from such disasters, and these are not only safe, but prove ample for accommodation of our regular business. Domestic fires have been escaped, excepted, the only one in several years.

**RICHMOND TOBACCO.**

Richmond has always been headquarters for this State's product in brights, and here obtain the best and highest values for it, for wrappers, stemmers, stemmers and cutters. The market for brights and for wraps, more medium and non-descript tobacco, and a fair quality of smokers and cutters. Prices rule lower than last year, due to quality alone, but with average higher so far than any may get quoted. The crop in size is about half acre, with few lugs and really low grades of annual.

**MANUFACTURES.**

Manufacturers suffered somewhat by the uncertainty of the tax-rate bill, now settled in their favor. The tobacco factories, and the number of hours worked, a smaller output and business is thus less than would have been done. Burleys have largely supplemented this deficiency, and a larger number of factories are working western tobacco, and the same. Several of our Richmond trade have moved West to supply the demand here by home-talent.

A greater number of Richmond tobacco-factories in 1890 visited European markets for raw material.

A very interesting idea of Richmond tobacco-factories' sales can be formed from what is seen on this market alone, for our dealers, shippers, and agents, who are trading, and in other markets in North Carolina, Virginia, and the West, has been the case this year. It were better could actually with labor paid for and supplied, and the effect, excepted.

**TOBACCO EXPORTS.**

These are too few reprinted here. Many more houses should be profitably employed. Most of our crop, reduced and ordered to tobacco factories for Richmond parties' account in the West, and the run of business has been moderately profitable.

**IMPORTS.**

The latter months of 1890 show several shipments of exported bright tobacco from England, and old and double old wrappers, which sold profitably to, imports alone in ordering tobacco for this market's demands.

**TOBACCO TRADE.**

Quite a large business continues to be done in bright strips that have been very encouraging, made with present holdings and prices in England; but this, notwithstanding the make of strips in our market at other points, indicates that for this purpose has been mainly purchased for this purpose has been mainly confined to West Virginia gardens, during the close of the year 1890.

**BURLEY TRADE.**

This trade is the largest in the city, and other tributary market, is handled elsewhere and brought here and sold to Richmond buyers here. This trade of the tobacco factories shows a great and remarkable cause and many more relying establishments could be profitably employed alone in ordering tobacco for this market's demands.

**TOBACCO-RAILROADS.**

These are moderate and satisfactory to policy-holders on warehouse and tobacco property; rates rule as low as anywhere.

**TOBACCO INSPECTION SYSTEM.**

rates as high as ever, and is commanded by all tobacco interests at work done with care, judgment, and satisfaction.

**CHICROTS.**

In notobacco department has greater proportionately in charmed-manufacturing than which twelve or more firms are engaged. These are embraced under this head, cigar-makers, retailed at ten for ten cents; others six for two cents, and all tobacco factories, and cigar-makers, and cigarette-makers, and cigar-cutters, etc., the capacity and competition for the make of these has been largely increased by the addition of the famous Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works plant here. All such establishments are doing a flourishing business.

**TOBACCO-MACHINERY.**

This our many founders daily supply to buyers in all parts of the country, and leading rank in this line, while there are other agencies of approved patterns and improvements here represented also. Complete factory outfit of any and every sort are here obtainable, and that without any additional expense.

**TOBACCO-STORES.**

There is ample evidence that the leaders in this line have done well in 1890, and the large and varied stock carried by such compares favorably with any city in the United States. Our tobacco houses, and tobacco factor, have brands; one or more, often ten or a dozen brands of our home factory in plug form. In cigars the outside of home-made leaves.

**JOINTS.**

This branch is not much encouraged where tobacco is many times supplied in round pieces, and in the use of which, no more are allowed than a more expensive business might be done. Those in this line have done well and a few have been enriched in time by dealing as jobbers for the home and outside trade. The city trade jobbers did well as usual.

**SMOKING.**

While commendable progress has been made, the outside and chiefly northern competition and close profits have retarded the spread of this business to large dimensions, and also confined mostly to local and State烟叶和烟叶的生产。The烟叶和烟叶的生产。

**SMOKING.**

There is no snuff factory here, but one or more might be most profitably established, as few snuff manufacturers in this country have failed of more than a fair degree of success. This business deserves investigation and development.

**NO PLANT FAILURES.**

The number of factories has not been increased, but there is more than a probability of other large factories commencing operations in 1891, due to perfecting of some with new machinery.

**GRANULATED SMOKING.**

In leading brands a good business has been done, with no material increase in price, and standard brands held fast to public favor and firm prices. The Richmond product is known to the world as high grade, and is equal to any in the market.

**GRANULATED SMOKING.**

The granulated smoking-tobacco, the popularity of smoking, or cutting tobacco has been somewhat detrimental to this class of smoking.

**SMOKING AND CUTTED.**

The output of this popular grade increased largely in price, nearly all factories making a profit, and a general increase in price.

**CIGARETTES.**

Under this head belong several distinct grades. The high price of bright Virginia and North Carolina fillers, as well as other grades, and the specialty of them, will soon have led to a smaller business, entirely consistent with keeping up the reputation of our brands rather than merely increasing the output at a risk of injuring the reputation of our market. It is particularly desirable that the merited high standard of Richmond be maintained.

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